



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Isao SENDO et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated January 18, 2006, **the response date having been extended by two months to February 15, 2006 by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith**, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.